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10 **BEFORE THE**
11 **BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING**
12 **DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS**
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

13 In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 2008-160

14 **JEANETTE COLLEEN SHAY GORTON, a.k.a.**
15 **JEANETTE COLLEEN GORTON**
19604 Crestmont Place
Riverside, California 92508

A C C U S A T I O N

16 Registered Nurse License No. 294998

17 Respondent.
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19 Ruth Ann Terry, M.P.H., R.N. ("Complainant") alleges:

20 **PARTIES**

21 1. Complainant brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the
22 Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"), Department of Consumer
23 Affairs.

24 **Registered Nurse License**

25 2. On or about August 31, 1978, the Board issued Registered Nurse License
26 Number 294998 to Jeanette Colleen Shay Gorton, also known as Jeanette Colleen Gorton
27 ("Respondent"). The registered nurse license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to
28 the charges brought herein and will expire on October 31, 2009, unless renewed.

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1 **FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

2 **(Gross Negligence)**

3 8. Respondent's license is subject to discipline under Code section 2761,
4 subdivision (a)(1), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that on or about April 9, 2003,
5 while on duty as a registered nurse in the Corona Medical Center, Corona, California, and
6 providing assistance in the operating room as a circulating nurse, Respondent was guilty of gross
7 negligence in her care of patient D.T. within the meaning of Regulation 1442, as follows:

8 a. Respondent was responsible for conducting counts of the sponges and
9 sharps during and following the appendectomy of patient D.T. Respondent failed to perform the
10 sponge count pursuant to hospital policy and procedure, resulting in a sponge being left in patient
11 D.T.

12 b. Patient D.T. required a second surgery to remove the sponge, which had
13 abscessed in patient D.T.'s abdomen.

14 **SECOND CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE**

15 **(Unprofessional Conduct)**

16 9. Respondent is subject to discipline under Code section 2761, subdivision
17 (a), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as more particularly set forth in paragraph 8,
18 above.

19 **PRAYER**

20 **WHEREFORE,** Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein
21 alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

22 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 294998, issued
23 to Jeanette Colleen Shay Gorton;

24 2. Ordering Jeanette Colleen Shay Gorton to pay the Board of Registered
25 Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to
26 Business and Professions Code section 125.3;

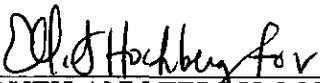
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3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: 11/14/07


RUTH ANN TERRY, M.P.H., R.N.
Executive Officer
Board of Registered Nursing
Department of Consumer Affairs
State of California
Complainant

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